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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS

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TIME

PRODUCTION NOTESCHARACTERSCAST

MARY	=	LUCILE HUSTING
BESS	=	HAZEL DOPHIEDL
JIM	=	HARVEY HAYS
JERRY	=	FRANK DANE
DAN	=	FRED SULLIVAN

SOUNDREMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

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Orchestra Leader

Production Director

Announcer

Agency Producer or Announcer

BLUE NETWORK COMPANY

1 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers! be lovely, spending New
2 MUSIC: THEME morning in that little old log church down there in
3 ANNOUNCER: Forest Rangers know that with good management any forest
4 BESS: can be made to contribute, on a permanent basis, to the
5 economy and security of the neighboring people and their
6 community. So, at this time, when Uncle Sam's Forest
7 Rangers send New Year greetings to their Farm and Home
8 MARY: Hour friends, it seems fitting that they renew the pledge
9 that has guided them for nearly half a century as guardians
10 of the National Forests. They pledge anew that they will
11 continue to manage the forest lands and resources in their
12 charge to provide the greatest measure of good to the
13 greatest number of people, on a permanent basis, in all
14 the years to come...Now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station.
15 Right now we find Ranger Jim Robbins' wife, Bess, talking
16 MARY: things over with Mary Halloway, the local schoolteacher
17 BESS: and sweetheart of the young assistant ranger, Jerry Quick...
18 Here they are...way he could help get ready for the
19 services tomorrow. With firewood from the forest, perhaps
20 or something like that.
21 MARY: He's always thoughtful like that...your ranger husband.
22 BESS: I know, Mary. But I guess it's more than that. You see,
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2 Year's morning in that little old log church down there in
3 Clear Creek, Mrs. Robbins. Preacher Lawson has been wanting to
4 BESS: Yes, we thought you might like to attend the special
5 services with us, Mary. They'll be held early tomorrow
6 morning of course, so we'd better not plan too much of a
7 New Year's Eve celebration tonight.

8 MARY: (LAUGHING) Just a quiet little get together as usual, I
9 guess. Just the same, I don't believe anyone could ask for
10 a nicer or happier New Year's Eve than the kind I've shared
11 with you and Mr. Robbins and Jerry right here in the Ranger
12 Station... Ranger's to be the special guest. That's fine.

13 BESS: Well, the men ought to be in from the forest pretty soon.
14 They'd probably be back now but Jim wanted to see Preacher
15 Dan Lawson over in Clear Creek on the way home this evening.

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 2 Day and all? *somewhere. (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, this is the*
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 4 conduct a sort of special service so the Clear Creek
 5 MARY: community could show its appreciation for the forest all
 6 BESS: around it. *No, Jerry. Both of you stay right there just as*
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 9 Creek folks realize they owe a great deal to the forest -- for
 10 RECEIVER ON their homes, and their jobs and, yes, even for the fine
 11 MARY: strong men they've sent off to war.
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 14 that Jim has been largely responsible because of the way
 15 MARY: he's handled the forest, so it could keep on serving the
 16 community. So they want him to share in this special day of
 17 BESS: prayer and thanksgiving... The whole thing has made Jim very
 18 happy.
 19 MARY: And they'll hold the services in that old log church. I
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1 BESS: Excuse me, Mary. That must be Jim. I do hope they're
2 not held up somewhere. (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, this is the
3 Ranger Station...Oh, hello, Jerry...What's that?...Oh, no!
4 That's dreadful!

5 MARY: What is it, Mrs. Robbins?

6 BESS: (TO PHONE) No, Jerry, both of you stay right there just as
7 long as you can be of any help...Yes, that's right...We'll
8 wait supper for you... And, Jerry? Tell Jim I'm awfully
9 sorry...Yes. Goodbye, Jerry.

10 RECEIVER ON

11 MARY: What's happened, Mrs. Robbins?

12 BESS: It's a fire, Mary. The fire broke out while they were
13 visiting Preacher Lawson over in Clear Creek...That's where
14 they all are, now, at the fire.

15 MARY: Oh dear. That's sure to put a damper on the services
16 tomorrow, isn't it?

17 BESS: Yes, Mary...you see, it's the old log church that's on
18 fire!

19 PAUSE:

20 FADE IN CRACKLING FLAMES, SHOUTS OFF, SUSTAIN

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not held up somewhere. (HEGLIVER OW) Hello, there is the
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(TO PHONE) No, Jerry, both of you stay right there. Don't
long as you can be of any help. Yes, that's right. I'll
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tomorrow, isn't it?

Yes, Mary. You see, it's the old log church that's on

fire!

What a disaster! What a disaster!

1 DAN: (OLD, KINDLY - FADING IN) I'm afraid it's no use, Jim.
2 Our old church is done for.

3 JIM: Yes, Preacher Dan, she's a goner, all right.

4 JERRY: (COMING ON) Doggone it! If only we could've got here when
5 the fire started.

6 JIM: Well, we didn't, and once the fire hit those log sides,
7 nothing could have saved her, Jerry.

8 DAN: The boys meant well, Jim. They built the fire so the
9 church would be nice and warm for tomorrow, and it's not
10 their fault that the stove pipes were so old and rusted
11 out...I don't want the youngsters to feel badly, Jim....

12 JIM: I'll tell 'em, Preacher. And you mustn't feel so bad,
13 either. The church was getting pretty old.

14 DAN: Yes, I know...But we've been together a long time, this
15 church and I. I was hoping it'd stand 'til I could
16 welcome back our boys who've gone off to war...And tomorrow's
17 services...I was planning a very special sermon for tomorrow,
18 Jim...

19 JERRY: Say, that's right. This kinda puts a crimp on the New
20 Year's Day doings, doesn't it?

21 JIM: I don't see why it should.

22 JERRY: Huh? What do you mean, Jim?

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(OLD, LINDA - LINDA IN) I'm afraid it's no use, Jim.
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 the time started.
 Well, we didn't, and the fire hit those log sides.
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 church would be nice and warm for tomorrow, and it's not
 their fault that the stove pipes were so old and rusted
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1 JIM: Preacher Dan?

2 DAN: Yes, Jim?

3 JIM: Look. You planned to preach a sermon on the forest tomorrow,
4 didn't you? Well, I don't think - if you don't mind my
5 saying so - I don't think you ought to let what's happened
6 here this evening change your plans...

7 DAN: But, Jim. There isn't another building in our little
8 community that could house the congregation.

9 JIM: I wasn't thinking about having the services in any building,
10 Preacher. There's room in the open forest - room to spare,
11 and since you wanted to talk about the forest why not
12 talk about it right out under the trees?

13 JERRY: But, gosh, Jim. This is winter. It'll be too cold out
14 in the woods tomorrow morning.

15 JIM: I've got an idea about that, too...What do you say, Preacher
16 Dan?

17 DAN: I don't know, Jim...I'm, well, I'm slightly confused and
18 it's so late to make other plans.

19 JIM: I'd like to make all the arrangements if you don't mind, sir.
20 Maybe it's sorta selfish but I believe there ought to be
21 a sermon on the forest as you've planned. It's still here,
22 the forest. It hasn't burned and nothing can alter its
23 good to Clear Creek.

24 DAN: All right, Jim. All right. I'll leave everything in your
25 hands.

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JERRY: (GENTLY) How about letting me take you home now, Preacher? The way you're shivering out here, you ought to be getting home where it's warm.

DAN: Yes, I believe I can go home now. Thank you, Jim, for everything. I'll see you in the morning...the New Year's morning.

JIM: Yes, Preacher Dan. I'll see you in the morning, out in the forest. (FADE) Good night, sir.

PAUSE:

FADE IN BACKGROUND SOUND OF CROWD OUT-OF-DOORS, OCCASIONAL TINKLE OF SLEIGH BELLS OFF

BESS: B-r-r-r. It's pretty cold out here, isn't it, Mary?

MARY: Well, everybody's dressed warm for out-of-doors...But they ought to get started. What's holding things up, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: Preacher Dan hasn't come yet. (WORRIED) I hope I haven't made a mistake in this business.

BESS: (CHEERFULLY) Now, Jim. Don't worry. Just look at the crowd that came out this morning.

JIM: Yes, they're all here like they said they'd be...But they look so down-hearted...hardly the New Year spirit there oughta be.

(GENTLE) How about letting me take you home now, Prescher?
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home where it's warm.

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everything. I'll see you in the morning... the New Year's

morning.
Yes, Prescher Dan. I'll see you in the morning. Out in
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STATION BELLS OFF
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(CHERRILLY) Now, Jim. Don't worry. Just look at the
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Yes, they're all here like they said they'd be... But they
look so downhearted... hardly the New Year spirit there
perhaps be.

1 MARY: There's Jerry and Preacher Lawson coming now, Mr. Robbins.
2 SOUNDS OF CROWD GREETING PREACHER: "MORNING, PREACHER!" "POWDY, PREACHER!"
3 ETC."
4 MARY: (SOTTO) I haven't heard a single Happy New Year, Mrs.
5 Robbins.
6 BESS: (SOTTO) I've noticed that. I guess these people aren't
7 happy, Mary. That old church meant a great deal to them.
8 JIM: (HEARTILY) Good morning, Preacher Dan...
9 DAN: (COMING ON) Good morning to all of you...
10 JIM: Everything all set, Jerry?
11 JERRY: Yeah, Jim, we've got things all lined up. The few that
12 know about it so far are really enthused, I don't mind
13 telling you.
14 DAN: What is it you've planned, Jim?
15 JIM: I'll explain it all in a few minutes, Preacher.
16 DAN: Yes, of course...You know, don't you, Jim, that this far from
17 the happy occasion I'd hoped it would be?
18 JIM: Maybe things'll work out.

Theresa (1911) and Frederick (1912) coming now, Mr. [unclear]

(1911) I [unclear] a single Negro New Year, [unclear]

(1912) I [unclear] [unclear] I [unclear] these [unclear] [unclear]
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Everything [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Yours [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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1 DAN: You have the faith of God in you, Jim...I better start now
 2 (RAISING VOICE) My good people....(CROWD NOISE OUT)....I
 3 see in your faces this morning a reflection of my own
 4 sorrow in the loss of our beloved church. But as you well
 5 know, despite any calamity, life must go on. So we shall
 6 carry on today as we have so long planned to do. This
 7 forest all around us which has sustained u in the past, still
 8 sustains us now and, with care and affection, will continue
 9 to sustain us in the future. This forest remains and we
 10 shall give our thanks for its blessings. Before I start my
 11 prepared sermon however I believe we should hear from
 12 Ranger Robbins who has had this fine forest in his
 13 excellent charge for so many years and who, I might add, is
 14 largely responsible for the carrying out of this morning's
 15 program as planned. All right, Jim...

16 CROWD MURMURS

17 JERRY: (SOTTO) Good luck, Jim. We're all with you.

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For those who look to God in you, Jim... I believe that
(HAPPY ENDING) My good people... (CHORD 401-2 3-4)
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1 JIM: Thanks, Jerry... (RAISING VOICE) Preacher Dan, Friends...
 2 (CROWD OUT)... I know it's cold out here but please bear
 3 with me for just a few minutes. I want to explain something
 4 to you that I hope will result in warming not only our
 5 bodies but, perhaps, our hearts as well...Some of the older
 6 folks among you will remember that, long years back, I
 7 marked for cutting the very timbers that went into your
 8 church, now gone...(CROWD MURMUR)...So I kinda feel I've
 9 had a share in the Clear Creek Church right from the start.
 10 This forest and I...And if I felt any sorrow at seeing
 11 the old church burn down last night it was because, as
 12 Preacher Dan and the rest of you feel, we had lost an old
 13 and beloved friend. But what about the forest which really
 14 gave you your church years ago? The forest has been growing
 15 more trees for just such a time as this. That's because
 16 you've given it real care and affection like Preacher
 17 Dan says, and, in the true principles of your old church,
 18 have used this forest wisely through the years....

19 CROWD MURMUR

20 MARY: (SOTTO) Look, Mrs. Robbins. No one seems to be minding
 21 the cold now.

22 BESS: (SOTTO) Jim's idea is going to work, Mary, I'm sure it is.
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CROWD HUMMUR

(OTTO) Look, Mrs. Robbins. No one seems to be missing

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ended

1 JIM: I've got a plan, folks. The forest and our regulations
 2 make it entirely possible of fulfillment. Through what
 3 we call administrative use, you folks of Clear Creek can
 4 obtain enough timber right here to build another church.
 5 If we all pitch in, it won't take long either. It'll
 6 have to be kind of a temporary place of worship of course,
 7 on account of the war and all. But that's not so bad if
 8 you look at it this way. Your boys and men who are away
 9 now, fighting for Clear Creek and their Nation...they'll
 10 be coming home some day. And what finer, more inspiring
 11 job could they have when they return than the building
 12 of a new, a permanent church in their home community?
 13 (BURST OF APPLAUSE) That's fine, folks. If you're willing,
 14 we can get started on the temporary church right after your
 15 Preacher finished his sermon. You see, Jerry and some of
 16 your men have a truckload of axes and saws and things down
 17 the road, waiting to be used...And now, I'd like to say,
 18 "Happy New Year, Everybody!"

19 ALL: Happy New Year!

20 CROWD NOISE

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1 DAN: (FEELINGLY) My good people! (NOISE OUT)...There's no
2 need for any sermon today other than the one you've just
3 heard. Ranger Robbins has given us a clear message of
4 faith and hope. And your generous response covers our
5 appreciation for the forest better than any poor words
6 of mine could do...My good people....Let us pray!...
7 (FADING) Our Father who are in Heaven.....

8 MUSICAL FINALE

9 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to us during the National
10 Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the
11 cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department
12 of Agriculture....
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